

## ADAMHS BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY

### FAITH-BASED OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES

APRIL 30, 2014

**Committee Members:** Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Committee Chair, Reginald C. Blue, Ph.D., Eugenia Cash, MSSA, LSW, CDCA, Mary R. Warr, M.Ed. / ABSENT: Anngela Williams

**Sub-Committee Members Present:** Karell T. McDaniel, LICDC, Terri Miller, NAMI Greater Cleveland

**Board Staff Present:** Valeria A. Harper, Carol Krajewski, Scott Osiecki

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair, Rev. Gohlstin, called the Faith-Based Outreach Committee meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. noting that a quorum had been reached.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 2, 2013 Faith-Based Outreach Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

#### 3. REVIEW OF COMMITTEE MISSION

As no revisions to the Committee Mission Statement were proposed, the Chair entertained a motion to recommend its approval to the full Board.

#### Motion to recommend approval of the Faith-based Outreach Mission Statement to the full Board.

MOTION: M. Warr / SECOND: R. Blue / AYES: R. Blue, E. Cash, M. Warr / NAYS: None / **Motion carried.**

#### 4. REVIEW OF VISION STATEMENT

The Vision Statement as printed on the MERGE Spirituality brochure was reviewed. Committee members offered input and agreed upon the revisions shown in the statement language below:

*“To lead Cuyahoga County’s faith/spiritual community in helping people living with mental illness, ~~and~~ substance abuse **and other disorders** to recover, and promote the importance of integrating faith/spirituality in the clinical healing process.”*

#### Motion to recommend the revised Vision Statement to the full Board.

MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: E. Cash

AYES: R. Blue, E. Cash, M. Warr / NAYS: None / **Motion carried.**

#### 5. REVIEW THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACTION PLAN – ISSUE 4

Karell T. McDaniel, Subcommittee Chair, distributed a revised Action Plan that re-orders the last two issues. Issue 4 was re-numbered Issue 3. The rationale for this change is to encourage the faith community to become involved in other areas where there is no formal structure. The concept of a spiritual caregiver was discussed. Volunteer spiritual caregivers would be trained to: assess for religious or spiritual beliefs used to cope with illness or disease, listen with empathy and commitment, give appropriate spiritual care, encourage meeting with chaplain or spiritual leader and encourage use of faith-based, spiritual resources, i.e. churches, synagogues, and mosques.

#### Motion to recommend approval of Action Plan revisions to the full Board.

MOTION: M. Warr / SECOND: E. Cash / AYES: R. Blue, E. Cash, M. Warr / NAYS: None / **Motion carried.**

#### 6. REVIEW REVISED BROCHURE

Committee members reviewed the content of the revised brochure; discussion focused on the proposed tag-line, Faith and Recovery working together. Based on the discussion, committee members agreed on the following tag line, “Spiritual and Recovery Communities Working Together”. Ms. Warr advocated for including more diversity in the photos in the final version.

#### Motion to recommend approval of revised Merge Spirituality Brochure to the full Board.

MOTION: R. Blue

SECOND: E. Cash / AYES: R. Blue, E. Cash, M. Warr / NAYS: None / **Motion carried.**

**7. DISCUSSION OF PENDING FAITH-BASED BREAKFAST ON JUNE 5TH**

Mr. Osiecki updated committee members on the plans for the visit of Pamela S. Hyde, J.D., Administrator of SAMHSA, to Cleveland on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Tentative plans are to utilize the City Club on that day. As the lunchtime hour is already booked, a larger meeting room is being considered for a breakfast meeting where the faith-based audience will be welcome to attend.

Committee members concurred that the discussion be entitled, "Spiritual and Recovery Communities Working Together." Committee members favored the tentative plans; details will be shared when complete.

**Motion to approve the tentative plans for the Breakfast Meeting with Pamela S. Hyde, J.D.**

MOTION: R. Blue / SECOND: E. Cash / AYES: R. Blue, E. Cash, M. Warr / NAYS: None / **Motion carried.**

**8. DISCUSS COMPOSITION/DIVERSITY OF FAITH-BASED OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

Committee members agreed that there is a lack of diversity on the Faith-Based Outreach Committee and encouraged Rev. Gohlstin to approach the Board Chair to ask him to consider additional appointments to the committee.

**9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- Ms. Warr suggested that the committee consider partnering with the Mt. Sinai regarding Mental Health Awareness scheduled for June 30, 2014. Rev. Gohlstin agreed and stated that the committee will take the lead and asked her to make it happen. Ms. Miller noted that NAMI Greater Cleveland and Mt. Sinai are working together and would welcome support of the Board. It was noted that the Board staff liaisons for the Faith-based Outreach Committee are Scott Osiecki and Valeria Harper.
- Mr. Snider, who arrived early for the next meeting, was asked by the Rev. Gohlstin to explain his recent proposal to committee members. As a result of Mr. Snider's speaking engagement at a congregation in Warrensville Heights last year, he gained a greater appreciation for the efforts of congregations and faith-based organizations to promote mental health and addiction awareness information to the community. Consequently, he proposed the concept of recognizing faith-based organizations that promote mental health awareness through a Board resolution. Committee members were receptive to the suggestion and agreed that Rev. Gohlstin should present this idea to the full Board for its consideration/approval.

***There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.***

***Submitted by: Carol Krajewski, Executive Specialist***

***Approved by: Rev. Benjamin F. Gohlstin, Sr., Faith-Based Outreach Committee Chair***